

45. The method of claim 1 wherein the manufacture of pulp, paper, or board generates waste comprising a reject separated in pulping, and wherein said waste is passed to the production of energy to serve as fuel.

46. The method of claim 45 wherein the wastes used as fuel are gasified and the thus obtained gas is used in a coal, natural gas or oil fired power plant as secondary fuel.

47. The method of claim 1 wherein the manufacture of pulp, paper, or board generates waste comprising a waste sludge generated in deinking, and wherein said waste is passed to the production of energy to serve as fuel.

48. The method of claim 47 wherein the wastes used as fuel are gasified and the thus obtained gas is used in a coal, natural gas or oil fired power plant as secondary fuel.

Remarks

Claims 1-21 and 41-48 remain pending in the application. In the Office Action dated July 22, 2002, a restriction was required between the following sets of Claims:

Group I: 1-21

Group II: 22-38

Group III: 39-40

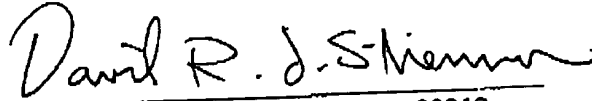
Applicant has elected Claims 1-21, and has canceled the nonelected claims.

The examiner further required an election of the species set out in claim 2, and in claim 4. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to include only one of the determined species, and the species of claims 2 and 4 are provisionally elected in the event that generic claim 1 is not found to be allowable. New claims 41-44 are directed to the remaining species formerly in claim 2; and new claims 45-49 are directed to the

remaining species formerly in claim 4.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this amendment, and the application is now in condition for substantive examination. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

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the Manufacture of Fibrous
Material

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Amendments to the Claims, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c)(1)(ii)

Please cancel claims 22-40, and amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the production plant produces waste fractions containing raw material and energy as a by-product of the production plant processes, said waste fractions comprising at least [one of the group comprised of rejects and sludges produced in the fibre processing stages, [ash produced in the combustion of waste, and warm waste waters,] and said waste fractions are utilized within the production plant either as raw material or as energy to a considerable extent, or said fractions are separated such that they can at least principally be used in a further process or another type of useful use outside the production plant.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the manufacture of pulp, paper, or board generates waste[s selected from the group] comprising[: a reject separated in pulping;] a fibre fraction of poor quality[: and a waste sludge generated in deinking], and wherein said waste[s are] is passed to the production of energy to serve as fuel.

Please add the following new claims:

41. The method of claim 1 wherein the production plant produces waste fractions containing raw material and energy as a by-product of the production plant processes, said waste fractions comprising at least ash produced in the combustion of waste, and said waste fractions are utilized within the production plant either as raw material or as energy to a considerable extent, or said fractions are separated such that they can at least principally be used in a further process or another type of useful use outside the production plant.

42. The method of claim 41 wherein the waste fractions used as fuel are gasified and the thus obtained gas is used in a coal, natural gas or oil fired power plant as secondary fuel.

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43. The method of claim 1 wherein the production plant produces waste fractions containing raw material and energy as a by-product of the production plant processes, said waste fractions comprising at least warm waste waters, and said waste fractions are utilized within the production plant either as raw material or as energy to a considerable extent, or said fractions are separated such that they can at least principally be used in a further process or another type of useful use outside the production plant.

44. The method of claim 43 wherein the waste fractions used as fuel are gasified and the thus obtained gas is used in a coal, natural gas or oil fired power plant as secondary fuel.

45. The method of claim 1 wherein the manufacture of pulp, paper, or board generates waste comprising a reject separated in pulping, and wherein said waste is passed to the production of energy to serve as fuel.

46. The method of claim 45 wherein the wastes used as fuel are gasified and the thus obtained gas is used in a coal, natural gas or oil fired power plant as secondary fuel.

47. The method of claim 1 wherein the manufacture of pulp, paper, or board generates waste comprising a waste sludge generated in deinking, and wherein said waste is passed to the production of energy to serve as fuel.

48. The method of claim 47 wherein the wastes used as fuel are gasified and the thus obtained gas is used in a coal, natural gas or oil fired power plant as secondary fuel.